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WASHINGTON--SEN. HARRY F. BYRD, D-VA., SAID IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW MANY TROOPS THE RUSSIANS MEAN BY "SEVERAL THOUSAND."

"IT IS MY HOPE THEY WILL ALL BE PULLED OUT," HE SAID.

JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WAS CLOSETED WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHEN NEWS OF THE SOVIET NOTE WAS PUBLISHED.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS MORGAN, D-PA., SAID HE READ AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH TO MCCONE AND QUOTED THE CIA CHIEF AS SAYING HE WAS "VERY MUCH DELIGHTED TO GET THE INFORMATION."

MORGAN'S STATEMENT SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT MCCONE UP TO THAT TIME HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONCRETE RUSSIAN PLAN TO WITHDRAW TROOPS.

MORGAN SAID MCCONE "DID MENTION THAT SEVERAL EMPTY RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIPS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO CUBA."

AS TO THE NATURE OF MCCONE'S TESTIMONY, MORGAN SAID "THE DIRECTOR BRIEFED US MOSTLY ON THE EXPANSION AND EXPORTATION OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES FROM CUBA TO LATIN AMERICA."

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE WORD OF A FURTHER SOVIET WITHDRAWAL. IN CHICAGO FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT, STEVENSON INDICATED HE HAD NOT KNOWN OF THE DEVELOPMENT BUT TOLD A NEWSMAN "I AM NOT SURPRISED."

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